

News from U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth  
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**Rep. Stephanie Herseth Statement on Mni Waste' Water System**

**April 20, 2005, Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth released the following statement today following the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announcement of a temporary solution to water intake shortages for Mni Waste' Water System:

"I am pleased that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recognized the urgency of this situation, and is moving to ensure communities in South Dakota are not left without water. This action is clearly necessary. However, the solution is decidedly short-term, and the delegation must work with the Corps, the state, local and tribal governments, and other federal agencies to craft a permanent solution to the problem of low water levels in the Missouri River in South Dakota."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced this morning that it will begin design on a \$6 million temporary solution to address low river level impacts to the water intake for the Mni Waste' Water System near Eagle Butte, S.D. This water system supports seventeen communities in the area and much of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The intake is threatened by a drop in the Missouri River level due to the ongoing drought.

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